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SUBJECT: NEW YORK INCIDENT: PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION AT
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1. WELL-ORGANIZED GROUP OF FOUR TO FIVE HUNDRED DEMONSTRATED OUTSIDE EMBASSY OFFICE BUILDING 1400-1545 HOURS JUNE 24 TO PROTEST NEW YORK POLICE INCIDENT. THEY MADE NO EFFORT TO ENTER EMBASSY COMPOUND OR TO CONTACT EMBASSY PERSONNEL. GROUP ARRIVED BY CHARTERED BUSES AT TWO LOCATIONS A FEW BLOCKS FROM EMBASSY AND MARCHED TO DEMONSTRATION SITE. ORGANIZER WAS HUK VETERANS LEADER AND IBP ASSEMBLYMAN LUIS TARUC, WITH SUPPORT FROM MAC FABIAN OF FEDERATION OF LAND REFORM FARMERS AND JEREMIAS MONTEMAYOR OF FEDERATION OF FREE FARMERS. MOST DEMONSTRATORS APPEARED TO BE RURAL AND MIDDLE-AGED.

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2. DEMONSTRATORS WERE WELL DISCIPLINED AND PEACEFUL. THEY LISTENED TO SPEECHES, HELD PLACARDS, AND PASSED OUT A MIMEOGRAPHED "MANIFESTO." PLACARDS, MOSTLY IN ENGLISH, WERE PROFESSIONALLY LETTERED. SAMPLES: "MR. CARTER, IS BRUTALITY HUMAN RIGHTS?" "NEW YORK COPS, CHAMPIONS OF INHUMAN RIGHTS," "WE NEED NOT APOLOGY BUT JUSTICE," "USA -

HUMAN RIGHTS BEGIN AT HOME." MANIFESTO, IN ENGLISH AND TAGALOG, LISTS FOLLOWING DEMANDS:

BEGIN QUOTE: 1. THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD DIRECTLY AND SINCERELY APOLOGIZE TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY AND THE BRUTALITIES INFLICTED UPON THE PERSONNEL OF THE PHILIPPINE CONSULATE AND AND PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK; AND

QUOTE: 2. THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD RECTIFY AND COMPENSATE ANY AND ALL POLITICAL, MORAL AND MATERIAL DAMAGES THAT HAD BEEN INCURRED INCIDENT TO THE SAID CRIME. UNQUOTE. MANIFESTO IS SIGNED BY TARUC, FABIAN AND MONTE-MAYOR.

3. DEMONSTRATION WAS NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO IMPEDE TRAFFIC IN FRONT OF EMBASSY. A FEW POLICEMEN STOOD ON FRINGES OF CROWD. POLICE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE TOLD RSO THE DEMONSTRATORS HAD A GOVERNMENT PERMIT. HE ADDED THAT THEY WILL DEMONSTRATE OUTSIDE CLARK AIR BASE TOMORROW, JUNE 25; EMBASSY HAS NOTIFIED CLARK AUTHORITIES, SUGGESTING THEY EXERCISE FORBEARANCE.

4. A FEW STILL CAMERAS AND ONE MOVIE CAMERA WERE NOTICED, BUT NO TELEVISION CAMERAS. MURPHY

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